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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jean-Pierre BONICEL

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Examiner: C. NGUYEN

For: A STRUCTURALLY-REINFORCED CABLE FOR TRANSPORTING POWER

AND/OR FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2000, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Amended) A telecommunications or power transport cable that is structurally reinforced by incorporating [at least one reinforcing wire or] armoring having one or more layers of wires, [the cable including at least one reinforcing wire or armoring wire that is made of] wherein said one or more layers of wires includes a composite steel wire having a core of steel of a standard type, and covered in a layer of stainless steel.

Claim 2. (Amended) A telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim

1, in which at least one layer of wires [armoring] is constituted by composite steel wire.

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